

Democratic Optimism.

The managers of the Democratic national campaign appear to be as full of ginger, or optimism, or something that makes for prancing, as an old race horse that has been "doped" to make him run better than he knows how. The late lamented Senator Jones of Arkansas, ex-chairman of the Democratic national committee, was an optimist of the most cerulean hue, and some of his predictions, claims and "summaries of confidential reports" were of a character to make Baron Munchausen turn green with envy—that is, after the returns were all in. But it is likely that the late Mr. Jones would turn over in his grave if he could hear the sort of stuff that the Democratic national chairman, Norman E. Mack, and the ex-chairman, Tom Taggart, are giving out to their credulous followers.

In the first place, these optimistic gentlemen are claiming that the Republican party is "split from hell to breakfast," notwithstanding the patent fact that Mr. Taft is entirely acceptable to all classes of Republicans and is being supported with practical unanimity. If the Democrats are counting on Republican dissensions to win the election they will have a very different count to make on the cold, gray dawn of the morning after the election. Never in the history of the party were the Republicans more harmonious than they are in this campaign.

In the next place the Democratic boss jolliers are telling their deluded supporters that the Democrats are "sure to carry New York this year," that the Tammany leaders recognize that their future safety depends upon it and they will deliver the state without fail, notwithstanding the fact that the large defection of the Independence party voters renders Democratic chances in the state practically hopeless. Two years ago the Democrats were reduced to the humiliating necessity of endorsing William R. Hearst for governor to escape being relegated to the position of a third party, and it is reasonable to assume that the Independence party has grown in numbers and influence since then. However, the claims of the Democratic managers regarding New York are no less ridiculous than their airy assertions that they will carry Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas. Everyone of these is a Republican state and there is no logical reason for supposing any of them will go Democratic this year. Tom Taggart says that Indiana is sure to go Democratic. Does anyone remember what Tom Taggart said about Indiana four years ago? Taggart is a sport and one of the best "jolliers" in the country. If he were in Hades he would likely declare that the weather was not too warm, but just right for comfort. And so it goes, the Democrats claim Maryland, in the face of the repudiation of their ticket by the Baltimore Sun, the most influential Democratic organ in the East, and the managers of which doubtless understand thoroughly the feelings and wishes of the paper's subscribers throughout the state. In the same way, the Democrats claim Ohio, when all the political experts agree that the state will give from 100,000 to 150,000 Republican majority. They also claim Illinois on the strength of Democratic harmony existing in the state with Roger Sullivan and Dunlap "eating at the same table." The Democrats have carried Ohio but once since the civil war and that was under the leadership of Grover Cleveland, who never as long as he lived recognized Bryanism as worthy to be called Democracy. The fact that Cleveland carried the state is pretty good proof that Bryan can not.

As a matter of fact, the Democrats have little or no chance to carry any state east of the Allegheny mountains, and they know it as well as anybody. Everybody knows it unless it be Bryan himself, who mistakes the applause of the populace for public opinion. The populace would gather in larger numbers to see Jim Jeffries than to see Bryan, and they would applaud him too, but they would not vote for him for president. The Democrats will be lucky if they carry three states west of the Allegheny mountains, and they

stand no reasonable show of getting any electoral votes east of the Mississippi river. On the contrary, it is said by prominent Democrats that if the Republican party would make an aggressive campaign in Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and Arkansas they would stand a good chance to get all of them.—K. C. Journal.

Geology Of Pike County

The Bureau of Geology and Mines has recently published a book entitled, "The Geology of Pike County." The report is by Prof. R. R. Rowley of Louisiana, Mo., and is the fourth County report to be published by the department under the direction of Dr. E. R. Backley.

The volume consists of 125 pages, is illustrated by 20 plates and 13 figures, and contains a large geological map of the County. It is an important contribution to our knowledge of, not only Pike County, but of northeast Missouri. The first half of the report is devoted to a discussion of the various geological formations occurring in the area. The series consists largely of limestone and sand. Each formation is described in detail with regard to chemical composition and thickness.

The geological map shows the surface distribution of the different formations throughout the County.

A chapter devoted to economic considerations, outlines the resources of this County relative to building stone, Portland cement, clay, coal, lime, road materials, minerals and soils. A list of the mineral springs is also given.

The second half of the volume is devoted to a discussion of the paleontology of the area and includes a number of plates illustrating the fossils occurring in the several formations. Prof. Rowley has made a study of this branch of geology for many years and the list is the most complete ever published for this area.

The report can be obtained by addressing H. A. Beunier, State Geologist, Rolla, Mo. Enclose 20 cents to cover postage.

CAUSED BY LACK OF THOUGHT.

Cruelty Most Frequently Inflicted in Carelessness.

Most of the cruelty of the world is thoughtless cruelty. Very few people would intentionally add to another's load or make his burden in life heavier or his path rougher. Most of the great heart-wounds are inflicted in a moment of anger, when, perhaps, we were too proud to apologize or to try to heal the grievous wounds we had made. Can anything be more cruel than to discourage a soul who is struggling to do the best he can, to throw stumbling blocks in the path of those who are trying to get on in the world against great odds? No life is just the same after you have once touched it. Will you leave a ray of hope or one of despair, a flash of light or a somber cloud across some dark life each day? Will you by thoughtless cruelty deepen the shadow which hangs over the life, or will you by kindness dispel it altogether? No matter how you feel or what is disturbing your peace of mind, never allow yourself to send out a discouraging, a cruel, or an unkind word or thought.—Success Magazine.

Death-Bed Statistics.

When a great man dies, no one is interested in learning who surrounded his deathbed, but the news is always sent out. People care no more to know, than to hear if he were laid out in the parlor or bedroom, or if he were attired in a shroud or his regular clothes. But an Atchison inquirer has measured his bed, and finds that without unseemly crowding it will accommodate 16. How, then, can 30 and 40 surround the deathbeds of the great men, as told in the telegraph?—Atchison Globe.

Suspicious.

"I wish," said the hard-hearted landlord, "that you would watch the tenants in No. 3310. Be sure that they pay promptly in advance."

"Very well," replied the clerk. "Have you heard anything to make you suspicious of them?"

"No; but they haven't asked for any repairs for nearly six weeks now. It doesn't look right."

His Serious Interruptions.

"I s'pose John is still takin' life easy," said the woman in the spring wagon.

"Yes," answered the woman who was carrying an armful of wood. "John has only two regrets in life. One is that he has to wake up to eat, and the other is that he has to quit eatin' to sleep."

Classified.

"Who was that fool you bowed to?"

"My husband."

"Oh! I—er—I—humbly, apologize."

"Never mind; I'm not angry. But what a keen observer you are!"

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BEAUTY OF PHYSICAL HEALTH.

No Attractiveness for Women Without Good Digestion.

"To look young and keep your beauty you must have a good digestion," says a beauty culturist. "We feed our patrons upon herbs; we give them greens, and we advise them to take acid fruits. When a gypsy woman gets out of sorts she lives upon dandelion greens; she mixes sweet herbs; she doctors herself with the fruits of the earth, and she recovers."

"Outdoor life is everything for the woman who wants to keep young. Her walk gives away the woman who does not want people to know how old she is. Usually she loses her elasticity. And she takes to high heels and a stilted walk. Wear conventional clothing and be elastic in your gait; in that way you will look younger."

"I advise women generally to join a dancing class. By taking the steps one can keep up one's elasticity winter and summer. I have a class of four women who come three times a week to learn the gypsy fandangoes and the Spanish dances. They find that they breathe better, feel better and are more healthy generally from this exercise."

Penitent and Resourceful.

One of the prison missionaries of the Church Army tells a story of a man who came under the influence of the society at a mission held at York, England. The man, a notorious pickpocket, was so impressed by what he heard that he felt he must do something to show his determination to lead a new life. He considered the best way to do this was to put something into the collection, but unfortunately he had no money in his pocket. Then a bright idea struck him; he picked the pocket of the man sitting next him, and thus was able to contribute to the good work. It is said the man has been reclaimed definitely.

Reads Like a Fairy Tale.

An Atchison girl had always heard of the impoliteness of women in falling to thank men for giving up a seat in the street car, and decided that she would be an exception. A man gave her a seat Saturday night in a crowded car, affording her the opportunity for which she had been looking. "Oh, thank you a thousand times," she said. "It is just what I wanted, and how did you ever guess it? It is so thoughtful of you, and I do appreciate it so much." Then, as she sank into the seat: "And such a comfortable seat! It is the most comfortable seat I ever sat in! Oh, thank you again so much!" —Atchison Globe.

Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, October 2-9

No State Fair in the country has so many fine live stock buildings better adapted to the purpose than has our state. The State Fair is only seven years old, yet it is considered on a par with the State Fairs in other States which have been growing better each year for the last twenty to forty years. The Missouri breeders of all kinds of Live Stock are in place at the Missouri State Fair. There you will find not only the best herds in Missouri but the best herds from all parts of the United States, the best Farm and Horticulture Products, the best work in Art Textile and Home Economics. It is a great display, showing the progress that is constantly going on in the Empire State of Missouri. Every County in Missouri should be represented by excellent exhibits at the Missouri State Fair.

ASCRIBED VISIT TO PRAYER.

Father Evidently Had Faith in Daughter's Supplications.

Among my esteemed neighbors there is a family known for the piety of its members and their implicit confidence in the efficacy of prayer. One of the daughters, Miss Kate B., has almost reached the age when she could be referred to gallantly as an old maid. She is the target for many a good-natured quip pertaining to her alleged hopes and endeavors in the direction of matrimony.

Not long ago a certain society of young men which had interested itself in the campaign for higher saloon license sent a committee to visit the homes of the district and obtain signatures to a high-license petition. When this committee, numbering a half dozen members, ascended the steps at the B— home my friend's wife was the first to see it through the front window.

"Laws, John!" she exclaimed to her husband. "See all those young men coming to visit us!"

Mr. B— glanced out of the window, noted the number of the invading force and remarked, with an air of conviction:

"Humph! Kate's been praying again."

—San Francisco Call.

Show Men Like Apes.

Prehistoric paintings recently unearthed show man to have been like an ape. The only known examples of paintings of men by prehistoric cave decorators have been discovered lately by Prof. Rene Leleux in the Portel grotto, a cave of Lousens, in Arles, France, where Nougat already had found quaternary remains and human bones. About 40 sketches in black or red, only one in both colors, adorn the cave as frescoes, and two represent men of a primitive type, while the others show lions, bears and horses. Of the human figures one has a long head, with retreating forehead, while the other shows a remarkable apelike pose, with rounded back and arms pendent in front. There is a crouching bear, but the horses are mostly galloping and poorly drawn, although the forequarters of a horse are quite skillfully figured in black on one of the darkest walls of the cavern.

One by Barnacled Ben.

"Yes, mates," related Barnacled Ben, retired seaman, "I certainly did see some wonderful things when I was cruising around the seven seas. Why, once we had a sawfish to follow the Nancy Jones for 1,000 miles. We used to throw off the leavings from the galley and when we'd hit a big calm, why, the sawfish would saw up our firewood in stove lengths. All we had to do was to toss the long sticks over and he'd saw them up in a jiffy. Then we'd take a long rake and rake them aboard. Nature faking? Never heard of it, mate, never heard of it."

And Barnacled Ben lit his pipe and shambled away.

His Deep Concern.

The kind old lady noticed a small lad entering a cobbler's with a small package.

"What have you there, sonny?" she asked, kindly.

"Ma's slipper," replied the lad; "you see, there is a tack out of place in it and I want to have it fixed before ma notices it."

"Ah, what a considerate little boy! I suppose you are afraid the tack might hurt your mother's foot?"

"Well, it isn't exactly that. You see, the tack is sticking out on the sole and this is the slipper ma spansks me with."

Arabs Outlive Eskimo.

While it may be true that the white man loses in intellectual and bodily power in the tropics, Dr. Luigi Samson maintains, as a result of recent researches, that the average Arab lives 25 years longer than the average Eskimo; that the coast people of South America are longer lived than the mountain people; that old age is much commoner in the southern countries of Europe than in the northern countries, and that Spain (with a population smaller by 9,000,000) has 401 centenarians to England's 146.

Sufficient Reason.

"Are you going to the commencement?"

"No."

"Why not?"

"I went to a commencement once."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Following are the real estate transfers made out last report:

James C. Mearns to C. C. Culwell, 25-45-6 \$2000.

J. W. Schwegler to T. B. Russell, lots in Bellflower \$800.

H. W. Tinsley to E. W. Heuser, lots in Montgomery \$1400.

F. J. Robinson to F. J. Hunslett, 25-45-6 \$500.

Charles Wade to F. J. Hunslett, 9-47-5 \$100.

J. W. Jones to Luke McLaughlin, 9-47-5 \$75.00.

A. A. Whitson to G. W. Whitson, lots in High Hill \$100.

J. W. Schwegler to Thomas Brooks, lots in Bellflower \$125.

Estella McCarty to G. W. Whitson, lots in High Hill \$24.00.

Frank E. Schwegler to C. D. Romans, lots in Montgomery City \$300.

Mary F. Dusey to Edward F. Peveler, lots in Montgomery \$1325.

Pettis Keathley to John T. Keathley, 14-50-5 \$600.

James Martin to Fred Shearmire, 1-40-5 \$1175.

Miss Edith Forrest to Mabel Randall, lots in Montgomery \$300.

J. L. Davis to W. S. Culwell, 6-50-3 \$4000.

J. A. Jones to W. R. Lavender, 12-47-3 \$875.

C. C. Balthorpe to W. T. Balthorpe, lots in Bellflower \$100.

Fielding Hays to Eli M. Cox, 31-50-6 \$300.

C. C. Balthorpe to Mabel H. Balthorpe, lots in Bellflower \$100.

J. G. Miller to F. E. Miller, 4-48-5 \$100.

J. N. Russell to J. B. Harman, 29-48-4 \$1500.

Wm. F. Skinner to A. A. Reighley, lots in Wellsville \$500.

J. W. Schwegler to Aaron Wyatt, lots in Bellflower \$225.

G. H. Muller to J. S. Asbury, lots in Bellflower \$2800.

J. H. Robinson to Thomas E. McKelvey, 5-50-5 \$5820.

Mrs. Mary Carver to J. W. Zumsteg, 31-46-6 \$300.

Herman Zumsteg to John and Wm. Zumsteg, 31-46-6 \$300.

Simon Zumsteg to John and Wm. Zumsteg, 31-46-6 \$600.

T. M. Marlow to Bank of America, lots in Americus \$10.00.

Caroline Fahner to Dr. J. T. Leslie, lots in Americus \$150.

E. C. Coffman et al to Joseph Habrthiet, lots in High Hill, \$100.

ANTS AS WEATHER PROPHETS.

Their Method of Giving Warning of an Approaching Storm.

Ants as weather prophets afford new testimony to the cleverness of these small insects.

When you go out on a spring morning and find the ants busily engaged in clearing out their nests and dragging the sand and bits of earth to the surface you may be sure that no matter how cloudy it is there will be no rain that day and the probabilities are for several days of good weather.

If, however, you see the ants about the middle of a spring or summer afternoon hurrying back to the nest and a sentinel trotting out in every direction looking up stragglers and urging them to go home as soon as they can get there, you may figure on a rain that afternoon or night.

When the last of the wanderers is found the picket hurries in and the nest is securely sealed from the inside to keep out the water. It is seldom that ants are taken by surprise by the approach of a shower.

Church Tower His Pulpit.

Sunday last being "Feast Sunday," the vicar of Selston, Rev. C. Harrison, hit upon the novel idea of preaching from the church tower. The greater part of the congregation seated themselves on the highway.

The reverend gentleman took as his text "The Builders and the Tower," and, possessing a strong voice, his remarks were heard distinctly by the large crowd of colliers and others gathered together, the weather being all that could be desired.—London Evening Standard.

A Unique Cat.

Horace Elliott has a handsome shag cat which he would not sell for love or money, and which is quite a curiosity. She was never known to catch a rat or mouse or anything else, and Mr. Elliott has recently found out what the trouble is. You, of course, have heard of cross-eyed cats. Well, this one is so much that way that when she attempts to catch anything she jumps in the opposite direction.—Rockland (Me.) Opinion.

Diffusing the Annoyance.

"You don't suppose we take boards because we need the money?" exclaimed Farmer Comtossel, loftily.

"I had some such idea," answered the man who had ventured to criticize.

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